



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL of TIANJIN

Working Learning Acting TOGETHER

There are some days in Tianjin when early morning fog is too thick to permit the safe transportation of students to school. On these mornings the message 'Today is a Fog Day' is passed to all parents and employees by means of the school's parent 'IST Emergency Notifications' WeChat group and the Staff Emergency Telephone Tree.

FOG DAY INSTRUCTIONS

1. The responsibility for declaring a 'Fog Day' lies with the school's administration. A decision will be made early in the morning, no later than 6:30am.
2. As soon as a decision has been made, the Director will activate the parent 'IST Emergency Notifications' WeChat group and post the following message:

"Today is a Fog Day. The school day will start exactly 2 hours later than normal, and buses will therefore pick up students exactly 2 hours later than the normal time."

3. The school will contact school bus drivers who will start their pick-up run 2 hours later than usual. In the case of parents who use their own driver or taxi, it is their responsibility to contact their driver with the 'fog day' message.
4. If fog persists and it is necessary to postpone the start of the school day beyond two hours, the Director will send out further information in the 'IST Emergency Notifications' WeChat group by 8:30 a.m. On fog days one parent should ideally remain at home until at least that time to ensure that no further delay is announced.
5. If, despite the above precautions, any children arrive at school early on a fog day, they will be kept warm and secure in the Administrative Office in the company of the Director.
6. Please note that the administration will put safety first when deciding on whether to announce a fog day. **Under no circumstance will the decision, once announced, be changed.**
7. If parents who use their own transportation are worried about fog in their area of town and have not heard that a fog day has been announced, they are advised to consider putting safety first and to keep their children at home until they are satisfied that it is safe to travel. Please phone the school to let us know that you have taken this action.